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Applicant(s): Dr. Wolfgang GEBHARDT et al  
Serial No.: 09/856,843  
Filed: May 25, 2001  
For: DEVICE FOR COUPLING ULTRASONIC  
WAVES INTO A MEDIUM  
Art Unit: 2856  
Examiner: Helen C. Kwok

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116 --  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -- EXAMINING GROUP 2856**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 5, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Rejection of October 5, 2004. Please  
amend the above-identified application as listed below and as set forth on the  
following pages:

Amendments to the Claims

Remarks are included following the amendments